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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Jim Bush on HPSCI HUMINT Study

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1. [] On Friday, 30 June 1978, [] and I met with Jim Bush, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) staff, to discuss the Committee's desire to study HUMINT. Annette Smiley, also of the Committee staff, joined us toward the end of the hour-long discussion.

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2. [] told Bush that he had been instructed by John McMahon, DDO, to support Bush's study effort, and asked Bush to explain the objectives. Bush indicated that, during the FY 1979 budget review, HPSCI did not take much of a look at HUMINT because they did not feel adequately prepared to do so. In addition, the Committee has some confusion about a number of aspects of HUMINT including terminology, organization and management, functions, effectiveness, product, and the relation of costs to benefits. The current study is intended to resolve these problems. Bush understands that he is taking on a lot but hopes to make as much progress as he can for a report to be made by November/December of 1978.

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3. [] As a first step in learning about HUMINT in CIA, [] will provide a briefing on Thursday, 6 July, 9:15 a.m. - noon, on the organization and functions of the Operations Directorate and on the organization and functions of a single station. This is intended to be a discussion session, and based on questions arising from this meeting, further briefings will be scheduled. The objective is to educate Bush to the point where he can get maximum benefit from a two- to three-week field trip in late September or early October. Discussion of the trip centered around a [] journey, but this was only a rough outline.

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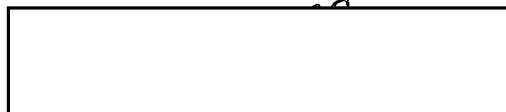
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4. ☐ Bush plans to cover CIA HUMINT himself, leaving GDIP and State to Smiley. They will want some joint briefings. One of the Committee problems is the existence of HUMINT in CIA and several Defense organizations and the apparent lack of a HUMINT program manager such as exists for SIGINT.



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